



CENTRAL FLORIDA
MPO
ALLIANCE

Central Florida MPO Alliance Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 10, 2014

MetroPlan Orlando - Board Room
315 East Robinson Street, Suite 355
Orlando, Florida 32801

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Leigh Matusick
Honorable Pat Northey
Honorable Gene Emter
Honorable Ray Goodgame
Honorable Sean Parks
Honorable Leslie Campione
Honorable Daisy Lynum, **Secretary**
Honorable John Horan
Honorable Trudy Block, **Chairman**
Honorable Kathy Meehan
Honorable Kathy Bryant

REPRESENTING:

Volusia TPO
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Lake-Sumter MPO
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MetroPlan Orlando
MetroPlan Orlando
Polk TPO
Space Coast TPO
Ocala/Marion County TPO

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable John Quiñones
Honorable Kent Guinn
Honorable Stan McClain, **Vice-Chair**
Honorable Peter Chichetto
Honorable Patrick Huff
Honorable Harry Santiago, Jr.
Honorable Rocky Randels

MetroPlan Orlando
Ocala/Marion County TPO
Ocala/Marion County TPO
Polk TPO
Polk TPO
Space Coast TPO
Space Coast TPO

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Virginia Whittington
Mr. Gary Huttman
Mr. Alex Trauger
Mr. Keith Caskey
Mr. TJ Fish
Mr. John Voges
Mr. Tom Deardoff
Mr. Bob Kamm
Ms. Lois Bollenback
Sec. Billy Hattaway
Ms. Mary Schoetzel

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Space Coast TPO
Volusia TPO
FDOT - District 1
FDOT - District 5

Ms. Deborah Tyrone
Ms. Shakira Crandol
Mr. Mark Bontrager

FDOT - District 5
FHWA/MPO Liaison
Space Florida

A complete list of all others in attendance may be obtained upon request.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Trudy Block called the January 10, 2014 Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. She thanked committee members for electing her Chairman and thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Matusick for her service the past year as Chair. A presentation was made to Mayor Pro-Tem Matusick in appreciation of her service. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

II. Introductions

Chairman Block invited all Alliance and audience members to introduce themselves. Ms. Virginia Whittington called attention to Ms. Deborah Tyrone, new Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator for District 5. Ms. Tyrone, she reported, is also the point of contact person for the Coast-to-Coast Trail project.

III. Chairman's Announcements

Chairman Block called attention to a flyer with details on the City of Orlando's "One Less Car, One More Park" event at Lake Eola. She encouraged members to stop over after the meeting.

IV. Reports

Chairman Block called attention to written delegation reports which had been included in the agenda packet for review. She noted that the Volusia County delegation report was provided in the supplemental folder.

a. Delegation Reports

- Lake-Sumter MPO Report
- MetroPlan Orlando Report
- Ocala/Marion TPO Report
- Polk TPO Report
- Space Coast TPO Report
- Volusia TPO Report

b. FDOT District Reports

Secretary Billy Hattaway, FDOT District I reported that an agreement was recently executed with Polk County to assist with funding for the portion of the Poinciana Parkway that is in Polk County. A pre-application meeting was held in December with the design/build team for the project, Osceola Expressway Authority and Polk

County to discuss the project and an application is expected to be submitted later in January. An application for roadway expansion at US 17/92 will be submitted later in January and a permit application for roadway improvements in March. Secretary Hattaway told CFMPOA members that District I received a letter from Polk County designating the Osceola Expressway Authority as the authorized representative for the project. District I, he noted, continues to coordinate with District V on the PD&E study for the I-4 project and the contract has been supplemented to include the segment from US 27 to the Polk/Osceola County line. In regard to the Polk Rail Study, he told committee members that District I received the final document for the PD&E study and funding for the next phase is being evaluated. The City of Lakeland, he reported, has submitted a quiet zone application and has received input on short term projects to implement. Secretary Hattaway told CFMPOA members that segments 1 through 6 of the Polk Parkway were at 30% design, segment 7, from CR 580 to US17/92, was programmed and would be advertised in the current fiscal year and segment 8, from US 17/92 to I-4 was funded for design in FY 2017. Segment 8 had been delayed, he noted, due to NEPA issues. Secretary Hattaway informed committee members about road safety initiatives underway including the "Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow" campaign, planned pedestrian safety action plan workshops, new FDOT staff bike/ped safety specialist and the development of a complete streets policy with a completed business plan expected the first quarter of 2014. He noted that the Alert Today Florida website, www.alerttodayflorida.com, contains additional information on that campaign.

Ms. Mary Schoetzel, FDOT District V, reported that a district-wide work program public hearing was held on December 11, 2013 at the District V office and also via webinar. She told CFMPOA members that there was a good turnout for the work program public hearing and information from the hearing could be accessed at www.D5wpph.com/2013. Ms. Schoetzel noted that SunRail Phase I, from Debarry to Sand Lake Road, is on schedule for May 2014 and Phase II is also on schedule for 2016. A number of safety initiatives for SunRail are being implemented in addition to new signage, signalization and double tracking. She called attention to the SunRail.com website where comprehensive information on SunRail could be accessed. The I-4 Ultimate project, from Kirkman Road to east of SR 434, included two express lanes in each direction and Ms. Schoetzel reported it is on schedule. The final RFP was advertised in October 2013 with proposals due by March 2014 and a notice to proceed is expected in late summer of 2014. Information on the I-4 project could be accessed at www.moving-4-ward.com website. Ms. Schoetzel told committee members that the Wekiva Parkway project is on schedule as well as District V's I-95 project.

II. Action Items

a. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Action was requested for approval of the October 11, 2013 Central Florida MPO Alliance meeting minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Daisy W. Lynum moved approval of the October 11, 2013 meeting minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem Leigh Matusick seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

III. Other Business

a. 2014 Central Florida MPO Alliance Legislative Priorities

Each respective M/TPO is in the process of developing legislative priorities for the 2013 State Legislative Session. These priorities have been compared in order to compile the Central Florida MPO Alliance's 2014 Legislative agenda. Additionally, legislative positions advanced by the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council have been reviewed. A copy of the draft priorities was provided at the meeting. Committee members reviewed each of the priorities presented. Discussion ensued regarding the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund and the implications of Medicaid reform, expanding the use of the Transportation Trust Fund to include multiuse trails and protecting both funds from any diversion of funds. Additional discussion took place regarding the increase in the proposed rental car surcharge and support for the Close the Gaps Coast-to-Coast Trail efforts. Ms. Whittington explained that the increase reflects the language in Representative Stewart's proposed bill.

MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Ray Goodgame moved approval of the draft 2014 legislative priorities. Councilmember Pat Northey seconded the motion; which carried unanimously.

IV. Presentations/Discussion

a. Coast-to-Coast Trail

Mr. T.J. Fish, Lake-Sumter MPO, provided an update on the Coast-to-Coast Trail project. He reviewed the Coast-to-Coast Trail gaps and their status. Mr. Bob Kamm called attention to the October groundbreaking for the Space Coast Gap portion of the East Central Florida Rail Trail noting that the Close the Gaps effort is gaining support as both Governor Scott and FDOT Secretary Prasad attended. Ms. Lois Bollenback told committee members that the collaborative effort between CFMPOA and FDOT laying the groundwork for Close-the-Gaps has aided in securing funding for a 10 mile trail gap in Volusia County. Mr. Harry Barley reported that a stakeholder conference call is planned for the end of January to continue to monitor progress on the Coast-to-Coast Trail effort and keep the momentum going. Discussion ensued regarding possible changes for the Van Fleet Trail, the Polk Rail Relocation study and possible gas line relocation. Ms. Mary Schoetzel, FDOT, thanked Alliance members for their collaboration on creating a regional priority list which has helped FDOT program funding that becomes available. At the October CFMPOA meeting, a request was made to have one contact at FDOT for all Coast-to-Coast Trail related matters. It was announced that Ms. Deborah Tyrone, FDOT, would be the Coast-to-Coast Trail contact at FDOT. Ms. Tyrone told committee members that she will coordinate

with the FDOT District 7 liaison on projects in that district. CFMPOA members requested Ms. Tyrone's contact information and staff will forward that information to members. Mr. Fish detailed a proposed timeline for a list of all funded Coast-to-Coast Trail projects and what should move up for the April 2014 CFMPOA meeting. A new draft list will be presented at the June 2014 joint meeting and a list that has been approved by each M/TPO presented at the October 2014 CFMPOA meeting.

b. Regional Freight Study Update

Mr. Alex Trauger, MetroPlan Orlando staff, provided an update on the regional freight study. The current study, he told committee members, started in 2010/11 and involved a diverse group of participants from a seven county area. Mr. Trauger reviewed the quantity and type of freight moving, what modes freight is moving by, trading partners, future freight demand and the impact of not addressing future demand along with possible strategies for addressing future demand. He noted that all the technical reports used in the freight study were available on the MetroPlan Orlando website.

c. Presentation on the Space Florida Master Plan

Mr. Mark Bontrager, Vice President of Spaceport Operations, gave a presentation on the Space Florida Master Plan. Space Florida, in partnership with the Florida Department of Transportation, recently completed the Florida Spaceport System Plan and the Cape Canaveral Spaceport Master Plan. These documents will be used by the state to direct future FDOT funding to appropriate projects. The Florida Spaceport System plan is available online at http://www.spaceflorida.gov/docs/spaceport-ops/florida-spaceport-systemsplan-2013_final.pdf. Mr. Bontrager explained the transition for the Space Coast to a competitive market and the current shift in customer base adding a commercial component in addition to a new push to position Florida for the space tourism market. Discussion ensued regarding the TPO's role in the shift in emphasis.

V. Information Items/Featured Articles and Research

None

VI. Member Comments

Mayor Pro-Tem Leigh Matusick requested an update on the Market Research Value Study being conducted by Dr. Dee Allsop. Mr. Barley responded that Dr. Allsop is working on a survey questionnaire that is expected to be completed the following week and be sent out to 1,000 participants. An update on the study is expected the end of February. Mayor Pro-Tem Matusick called attention to an upcoming Bike Florida week-long ride March 22nd through 28th that will include an opportunity to ride around the Daytona Speedway. She told committee members that it is a community event and 700-800 bicyclists are expected to participate. Additional information on the event can be found on the Bike Florida website.

Councilman Gene Emter reported that there will be a groundbreaking in Edgewater for a bridge over SR 442 on January 24th.

VII. Public Comments

None

VIII. Next meeting - April 11, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at MetroPlan Orlando

IX. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m. Respectfully transcribed by Cathy Goldfarb, Deputy Clerk, MetroPlan Orlando.

Central Florida MPO Alliance

Hon. Trudy Block, Chairman

Attest:

Cathy Goldfarb, Deputy Clerk

Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, states that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by a board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.